

Disability Awareness Month
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the month of March 2020, has been designated as “Disability Awareness Month” to celebrate and recognize people with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals with disabilities to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society and experience full in the economic, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of American society; and
- WHEREAS,** family members, friends and members of the community can play a central role in enhancing the lives of people with disabilities especially when the family and community are provided with necessary support services; and public and private employers are aware of the capabilities of people with disabilities to be engaged in competitive work in inclusive settings; and
- WHEREAS,** the goals of this city properly include providing individuals with disabilities the opportunities and support to make informed choices and decisions; live in homes where such individuals can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens; pursue meaningful and productive lives; contribute to their family, community, State and Nation; have interdependent friendships and relationships with others; and achieve full inclusion in society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Roswarski, Mayor of the City of Lafayette, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2020, as

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in the City of Lafayette, and call upon citizens of Lafayette, to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities; furthermore, I encourage the citizens of Lafayette to seek counsel and input from any person or group with knowledge and expertise in matters concerning disabilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Lafayette, Indiana, to be affixed on March 10, 2020.

Tony Roswarski, Mayor